(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Population Policy, 2000 (NPP 2000) advocates population stabilization by increasing access of people to a range of quality family planning services. The Government promotes voluntary choice of couples for limiting their family size. It does not advocate use of personal incentives for checking population growth.

Allocation to hospitals for procuring critical medical equipments

255. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation made to Centrally administered hospitals in Delhi and other States for procurement of critical medical equipments during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the amount spent by each of the hospital during the same period;

(c) whether any report has been received by Government regarding the patient dying in the Central Government hospitals either for want of or non-functional critical equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken to fix responsibility and the measures taken to prevent such incidents in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Eradication of Filariasis

256. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are embarking upon eradication of the killer disease "Filariasis", as this leads to grotesquely enlarged arms, legs genitalia, breasts etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that out of 128 million people suffering from this disease, about 40% of them are in India;

(c) how the Government proposed to tackle this gigantic task, and what financial outlay is likely to be allocated; and